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SUBJECT: SOVIET CAMPAIGN WITH EC MEMBERS AGAINST  
LOCATION OF EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN  
WEST BERLIN

SUMMARY: FRG HAS INFORMED BONN GROUP OF SOVIET BILATERAL  
DEMARCHES TO BELGIANS AND ITALIANS PROTESTING EC VOCA-  
TIONAL CENTER. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL ALSO  
MAKE DEMARCHES TO OTHER EC CAPITALS. FRENCH LABOR UNION  
LEADER HAS WRITTEN PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
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AND PRESIDENT OF EC COMMISSION ASKING RECONSIDERATION OF

DECISION TO LOCATE CENTER IN BERLIN. BONN GROUP  
DISCUSSED GENERAL LINE ON HOW FRG, UK, AND FRENCH SHOULD  
PROCEED VIS A VIS EC. END SUMMARY.

1. AT FEBRUARY 27 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP)  
TOLD OTHER REPS THAT FRG HAD BEEN INFORMED BY BELGIANS  
AND ITALIANS THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE APPARENTLY IDENTICAL  
DEMARCHES TO GOI AND GOB IN ROME AND BRUSSELS PROTESTING  
LOCATION OF EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN BERLIN. SOVIETS  
MADE DEMARCHE AT HIGH LEVEL IN FON OFFICES AND LEFT AIDE  
MEMOIRE. KASTRUP PASSED COPY OF TEXT LEFT WITH BELGIANS  
(SEE BELOW, PARA 7. SOVIETS INDICATED TO BELGIANS AND  
ITALIANS THEY WOULD BE MAKING SAME APPROACH IN OTHER EC  
CAPITALS. ALSO, GDR AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS CALLED  
ON DAVIGNON ON SAME  
SUBJECT, BUT CONTENT OF HIS REMARKS AS YET NOT KNOWN TO  
FRG.

2. KASTRUP WENT ON TO INFORM REPS OF APPARENTLY IDENTI-  
CAL LETTERS FROM SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH GENERAL  
CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CGT), GEORGES SEGUY, TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF EC COMMISSION AND TO PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS IN WHICH SEGUY PROTESTED LOCATION OF EC  
CENTER IN BERLIN AS BEING CONTRARY TO THE STATUS OF  
BERLIN AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GDR. SEGUY ASKED THAT  
DECISION ON CENTER BE REVERSED. KASTRUP PASSED COPY OF  
TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
(SEE BELOW, PARA 8. BOISSIEU (FR REP) SAID HE UNDER-  
STOOD THAT BELGIAN AND ITALIAN LABOR UNIONS WOULD ALSO  
BE WRITING SIMILAR LETTERS TO ORTOLI.

3. KASTRUP SAID PRESIDENT OF EC COMMISSION ORTOLI  
INTENDS TO ANSWER SEGUY LETTER AND ORTOLI'S OFFICE HAD  
INFORMALLY REQUESTED FRG ASSISTANCE. FRG WAS THERE-  
FORE RAISING PROBLEM IN BONN GROUP, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE  
SEGUY MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF BERLIN STATUS WHICH ONLY  
FRENCH AND BRITISH IN EC COULD PROPERLY COMMENT ON TO  
ORTOLI. QUESTION OF WHETHER PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS FAIRCHILD WILL ALSO REPLY TO SEGUY IS STILL  
OPEN. ALTHOUGH BELGIANS AND ITALIANS HAD NOT YET  
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REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN ANSWERING SOVIET DEMARCHES,  
KASTRUP SAID IT SEEMED ADVISABLE FOR BONN GROUP TO CON-  
SIDER GENERAL LINE THAT FRG, UK, AND FRENCH MIGHT USE ON  
SUBJECT VIS A VIS EC SINCE IT CLEAR THAT SOVIETS MOUNT-  
ING CAMPAIGN WITH ALL MEMBERS.

4. BOISSIEU REPORTED THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT SOVIETS ALSO  
HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH ORTOLI. KASTRUP RESPOND-

ED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION.  
BOISSIEU THEN MADE SUGGESTION THAT BEST APPROACH RE  
SEGUY LETTER WOULD BE FOR PROCEDURE WHEREBY ORTOLI'S  
STAFF WOULD INFORM FRENCH AND UK AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS  
OF RECEIPT BY ORTOLI OF SEGUY LETTER AND REQUEST THEIR  
VIEWS CONCERNING POINTS SEGUY RAISES. THEY WOULD THEN  
MAKE REPLY (DRAFTED IN BONN GROUP) WHICH ORTOLI WOULD  
ACTUALLY USE AS SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF HIS REPLY. UK/FR  
LETTER TO ORTOLI WOULD NOTE THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED THEREIN  
ALSO HELD BY US. ALL REPS AGREED TO REPORT THIS

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PROPOSAL AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

5. FRG, FRENCH AND UK REPS ALSO AGREED TO REPORT TO CAPITALS PROPOSAL THAT SOVIET BILATERAL DEMARCHES TO BELGIANS, ITALIANS AND POSSIBLY TO OTHER EC CAPITALS BE DISCUSSED IN CIRCLE OF NINE WITH VIEW TO COORDINATING INDIVIDUAL REPLIES ON BASIS OF AGREED LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD BE DRAFTED IN BONN GROUP. TEXT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY SAME AS THAT WHICH WOULD BE DRAFTED FOR USE BY ORTOLI WITH RESPECT TO SEGUY LETTER.

6. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE SUGGESTION AS  
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OUTLINED ABOVE FOR DEALING WITH INITIATIVES VIS A VIS THE EC AND ITS MEMBER STATES IS PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IN THAT IT WOULD GIVE ALLIES A STRONG INPUT IN WHAT WOULD BECOME A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET CAMPAIGN. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE.

7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOVIET DEMARCHE TO BELGIANS.  
BEGIN TEXT: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EEC RECENTLY REACHED THE DECISION TO INSTALL IN BERLIN WEST AN ORGAN OF THE COMMUNITY THAT IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CREATED, THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING. RECENTLY, ALSO, INCREASINGLY FREQUENT MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS HELD IN THIS CITY DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH PLANS TO DRAG WEST BERLIN INTO THE INFLUENCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.

IN THIS REGARD THE SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE ORGANS OF THE EEC DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISION CONCERNING THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, INCLUDING DECISIONS ON THE LOCATION IN THIS CITY OF THIS OR THAT ORGAN OF THE EEC. QUESTIONS OF THE STATUS OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WERE NOT, AND CANNOT COME WITHIN, THE COMPETENCE OF THE EEC. THEY MAY NOT BE RESOLVED OTHER THAN IN CONFORMITY WITH THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS ACTUALLY IN FORCE.

AS IS KNOWN, THE POLITICAL INTEGRATION OF THE MEMBER STATES HAS BEEN DECLARED TO BE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE EEC. THIS GOAL IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE STATUS OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AS IT IS DEFINED BY THE QA OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ARE NOT AND CANNOT BECOME, AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FRG. NOR MAY THEY BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF WHICH THE FRG IS A MEMBER. IT IS  
FOR THIS REASON THAT ALL EFFORTS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
TO DRAG THE WESTERN SECTORS INTO THE INFLUENCE OF THE  
EEC ARE UNLAWFUL THEIR EVIDENT AIM IS A UNILATERAL  
CHANGE IN THE AREA WHERE THE QA APPLIES, THAT IS TO SAY  
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THE VIOLATION OF THE LATTER.

THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS THAT QUESTIONS CONCERNING  
WEST BERLIN ARE NOT, AND CANNOT BE, WITHIN THE COMPETENCE  
OF THE EEC AND ITS ORGANS. ALL DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE EEC WHICH ARE IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE  
EFFECTIVE ACTUAL AND JURIDICAL SITUATION OF WEST BERLIN  
CAN ONLY PROVOKE USELESS ANNOYANCES. THIS DOES NOT  
CORRESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF THE EEC IN GENERAL NOR TO  
THOSE OF ITS PARTICIPANTS, AND WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE

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INTERESTS OF COOPERATION AND OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS IN  
EUROPE.

THE SOVIET SIDE EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE BELGIAN  
SIDE WILL TAKE WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOVE INTO CONSIDERA-  
TION IN ITS RELEVANT ACTIVITIES. END TEXT.

8. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SEGUY LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF  
EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. BEGIN TEXT:

WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS OF THE EEC THAT THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR VOCA-  
TIONAL TRAINING HAVE ITS SEAT IN BERLIN-WEST.

THIS DECISION APPEARS TO US TO BE CONTRARY TO THE  
STATUS OF BERLIN-WEST AND TO GO AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY  
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OF THE GDR WHICH HAS IN THE MEANTIME BEEN RECOGNIZED BY  
ALL THE EEC STATES. REGETTABLY, IT RECALLS THE SPIRIT  
OF THE COLD WAR WHICH THE ADVERSARIES OF DETENTE AND  
PEACEFUL COEXISTANCE ARE SEEKING TO REVIVE.

IT IS OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO PREJUDICE EUROPEAN  
AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE CAUSE OF  
PEACE, AND THE INTERESTS OF WORKERS AND THE PEOPLES.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CGT REQUESTS THE  
ANNULMENT OF THIS DECISION AND THE LOCATION OF THE SEAT  
OF THE EUROPEAN CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ONE OF  
THE CAPITALS OF THE MEMBER STATES.

WE AVAIL OURSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW  
OUR HIGH CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT.  
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